

HICKMAN COURIER

HICKMAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 1869.

IMPOSSIBLE STORY. The Man Who Tried to Borrow Himself Out of Debt.

There are a great many difficult, and some impossible things; but no matter how difficult or impossible a thing may be, you will always find people in the world ready to undertake its accomplishment, whether it be the discovery of perpetual motion or the equally romantic attempt to get out of debt by borrowing.

Of all the hard work in the world, to live by borrowing is perhaps the hardest, and of all the mean work in the world, that is about the meanest. Pride, independence and self-respect, one after the other, are sacrificed, until the man sinks into contempt.

Peter Oglethorpe was not a borrower by profession. He had started in life with a small patrimony, and worked along independently until his fiftieth year, when losses in trade deprived him of the means of paying certain obligations, and he found himself suddenly involved in trouble.

"Mr. Oglethorpe," said a man who came into his office one morning about this time, "I want you to settle that account."

"It is impossible to do so now, Mr. Spicer—wholly impossible. You have heard of my trouble?" Mr. Oglethorpe exhibited both distress and agitation.

"No; I have trouble enough of my own, without looking after that of other people," was rather gruffly answered. He had heard of the trouble, however, and had called among the first to secure his debt if possible.

"I have met heavy losses," said Mr. Oglethorpe—"losses that cover more than I am worth. At a time when I expected to be easy and comfortable, I find myself suddenly thrown to the wall."

"What do you propose doing?" asked Mr. Spicer, abruptly.

"Doing justly," was answered, with some dignity of manner.

"No one doubts that," said the creditor, softening considerably. "But what are the steps you propose taking?"

"My trouble is so recent," replied Oglethorpe, "that I remain undecided as to the best course of action. But of one thing you may be certain—there will be no preference of one creditor over another, all will be treated alike."

"Then you mean to stop payment?"

"I have lost the means of payment, and I am I to pay my obligations?"

"Perhaps something might be obtained from Spicer," was at last suggested. But the suggestion was thrown aside as soon as offered. It came up again, was resolved for a moment or two and again dismissed.

"It will never do to give up!" A feeling of desperation caused Mr. Oglethorpe to start to his feet as he said this. "Something must be done. I will see Spicer."

With a heavy heart, Mr. Oglethorpe started out, and went to the house of Mr. Spicer.

"Who wants to see me?" He heard this interrogation made in no amiable tone as the servant who answered the bell went back to announce the visitor.

To the servant's reply came this further question: "Did you say I was in?" "Yes, sir?" "Confound him! What does he come bothering me here for? Show him in!"

It was too late for retreat. Feeling like a culprit, poor Oglethorpe, with a forlorn aspect, entered the room where Spicer awaited him. "Well, sir! what's wanted?" roughly interrogated the bear in his den. "I—I—I am short to-day a few hundred dollars," stammered out Oglethorpe. "Well, what's that to me?" returned Spicer, with a roughness akin to his nature. "Nothing—only—that, you see, its hard on to three o'clock—and—Oglethorpe choked and could say no more. "Well," growled Spicer, "let three o'clock come, and the quicker it comes the better for you and all miserable fools like you."

"Sir!" This outrage penetrated beyond the borrower and reached the man. Oglethorpe's cringing manner gave way to an erect attitude, and his face of depressed solicitation changed its look to one of indignant feeling. "Sir, this is mean as well as cruel," he said, with a sternness of tone that added anger to the other's ill-nature, and made him still more reckless of speech.

"The truth may always be spoken, and if it hurts, it is because it tells home," retorted Spicer, with increasing asperity of manner.

"You are a miserable fool, and have been playing the fool for over a year, as all other men do who start upon that worst of all fool's errands—borrowing themselves out of debt, a man may work himself out of debt, but he might as well try to empty the ocean with an oyster shell as to borrow himself out of debt. There, sir, you have my sentiments, and I hope they will do you good."

Without a word of reply, Mr. Oglethorpe turned away and left the house. The truth which came from the lips of Spicer was a sharp sword that cut away down into the heart of conviction.

"Yes, I am a fool!" he muttered between his teeth as he strode off. "I was a fool to take a knave's advice in the beginning, and a greater fool not to have discovered my own folly. Three o'clock may come down. The vain struggle is over. The long dreaded day is here. I am a ruined man!"

Just two thousand dollars worse off was Mr. Oglethorpe than when he commenced the task of trying to borrow himself out of debt. Neglect of business and excessive interest were the causes that produced this result. But his creditors were not hard upon him. They knew the man to be honest at heart and pitied his misfortune. Full time to look himself out of trouble was granted; and he did work himself out of trouble, though it cost him years of active devotion to business.

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clear sighted man into a wrong way that led to certain worldly ruin. Many times in cases of extremity, had Mr. Oglethorpe called upon Spicer, but always the same cold refusal met his applications. The shrewd, unscrupulous man knew that the end must come; that sooner or later, Oglethorpe must be driven under, and he was not going to have even a trifling risk in so leaky a ship.

One day, it was over a year from the time Mr. Oglethorpe began his uphill work, the embarrassed man found himself in more than usual trouble. There were notes to pay and sums of borrowed money to return, making an aggregate that exceeded two thousand dollars. With feelings scarcely more pleasant than the criminal's on his way to trial, Mr. Oglethorpe entered his place of business, and without even glancing over the morning paper, sat down at his desk and began to figure up the day's payments. A sigh that almost betrayed itself in a groan gave painful evidence that the result had been reached.

"Twenty-three hundred!" he said to himself, and his heart sank. "Where so large an amount can come from is beyond my skill to find. I am! This matter is growing worse and worse. The night gets darker and darker. My feet are more entangled to-day than they were six months ago. Instead of finding my way out of this labyrinth of embarrassment, I am getting more and more involved, and I fear even the clew is lost. All time is spent in money raising, to the neglect of business and its consequent decline. Heaven help me! I fear the case is hopeless."

The unhappy man sat in this gloomy state for some time, then roused himself and started forth on his round of solicitation. He had twenty-three hundred dollars to raise, and must be active if he expected to get through. It is not our purpose to follow him step by step. Almost any reader can imagine the trials, disappointments and humiliations attendant on the work he had taken to hand. At two o'clock, Mr. Oglethorpe found himself still short about five hundred dollars. Where was the amount to come from? He had exhausted every resource within reach, and in order to collect his thoughts had returned to his place of business. Weary, wretched and sick in body and mind, was the poor, harassed, almost broken down borrower. Thought turned everywhere, but could discover no new resource.

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Prospects of the Growth of the United States.

The United States have an area of 3,578,382 square miles, or 2,170,170 acres; nearly an acre for every dollar of the national debt. The population in 1860 was 31,441,321. It was then computed by the Census Bureau that the annual increase of population is three per cent, and that the United States would probably contain in

1870.....	42,328,432
1880.....	56,450,241
1890.....	77,299,680
1900.....	100,355,802

The last number is greater than the present population of Great Britain, France, Spain and Prussia, together, and far greater than any number of civilized people ever yet united in one nation. Yet with this population the United States would have twenty-eight inhabitants to the square mile—less than one third the present density of the population of New York State, which is nearly ninety-four to the square mile.

There is perhaps no doubt in any one's mind that the whole territory of the United States is, on the average, naturally capable of supporting a population as dense as that of Massachusetts. Yet that State now has one hundred and seventy-three inhabitants to every square mile, and the United States, when equally well peopled, will contain 619,000,000 of inhabitants. It seems a very long time to look forward to the end of this century, but the country now has nearly fourteen times the number of people for whom the Federal Constitution was first framed; and the child born this year, if it attain the age of three score and ten, will, in all probability, be a citizen of a nation of 322,500,000 people; a nation greater than the Christendom of to-day; a nation of which the greatest empire of modern times, in wealth, in military strength, and in the volume of intelligent minds, and number of skilled hands at work within it, would form but a province.

FASHIONS.—Silk handkerchiefs for the neck that were fashionable ages ago have again made their appearance. Twenty-five dollars is the regular marriage fee among New Yorkers. One dollar is the regular price for a bottle of "Texas Tonic Syrup," and it will cure the Chills and Fever. W. R. Walker, and C. A. Holcombe have it for sale at their drug stores. Try a bottle.

A Caution.

The New Orleans Delta tells a good story of a sagacious country gentleman who came to that city a few days ago with a bill on a highly respectable firm of the place. The bill was duly presented for acceptance, and a young member of the firm, a fashionable, well-dressed gentleman who had cultivated a very dainty mustache, wrote with a pen his endorsement on the bill, and his name in full thus, J. Templeton Tompkins, Esq., of New Orleans.

After paying over the amount of the bill, and paying over the amount of the bill, the countryman, asked him quietly

"Why, my friend, do you offer me this gratuitous insult of requiring me to count my own paper?"

"I don't mean any harm, sir," but I have just got an idea into my skull that when you see a merchant with that har on his upper lip, and who writes his middle name out in full, and endorses bills with a gold pen, you may put them down as party certain to bust up in a week.

The average of human life is thirty-three years. "It is supposed" says the accurate calculator, "one half die before the age of seventeen years." This would not be so, if every family kept constantly on hand a supply of "Texas Tonic Syrup," to cure Fever and Ague, and Dr. Wm. Brazier's Liver Cordial to regulate the Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Don't allow your family to be without them. W. R. Walker, and C. A. Holcombe, and druggists generally, keep them for sale.

General Lee.

Referring to the report that Governor-elect Walker, of Virginia, had invited Gen. Lee to hold a conference on political matters, the Lynchburg Virginian says:

"We can assure our contemporary that there is no danger that Gen. Lee will do a foolish act. He is no politician, and has no idea, we believe, of embarking on such a stormy and uncertain sea. That he is sincerely devoted to the interests of Virginia, no man can doubt. That he desires reconstruction and would advise his people to put themselves into practical relations with the Federal, as it is now called, the National Government, we have every reason to believe. But he will not enter into any convolute of politicians. The people would not desire it, even if Gen. Lee was willing to compromise his present position to gratify that wish. It is proper to add, in this connection, that there is no reason to believe that such a meeting as that referred to, was ever suggested—perhaps not thought of—by Gov. Walker."

In a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest. But know this, that the Louisiana Creole Hair Restorer is the best, nearest and most delightful ever prepared. W. R. Walker, and Chas. A. Holcombe, druggists

Type Law.

The law of advertising had a proper elucidation, a few days ago, in New York. The publisher of a daily paper sued the Standard Life Insurance Company, in the Supreme Court, before Judge Fithian for a bill of \$773 on account of advertising. The company resisted payment on the ground that they had authorized but one insertion. There was no proof, however, of this. There was no order to that effect upon the bill; and the company did not attempt to deny that they saw the advertisement continuing in the paper and failed to countermand it. An advertisement received in a publication office, without the number of insertions marked upon it, or the cost of the insertions paid for at the time, the publisher can know nothing of the wish of the advertiser respecting the number of insertions desired, and can do nothing till advised by him whose business it is.

The "Regulators" Kill a Young Man and his Sister.

From the Danville (Ky.) Gazette.

A gentleman who resides in the immediate vicinity has given us the particulars of a terrible affair that occurred in Casey County on Tuesday of last week, about seven miles from Middleburg, near Mount Olive Meeting House, on the Somerset road. It appears that the barn of William Elliot had been burned, and the sons of William Douglas were suspected. A writ had been issued against two of them, and had been served by a constable and a posse of three men. They were guarding the prisoners at the house of William Douglas on the night mentioned above, when a party of regulators, supposed to number thirty or forty men, well-armed, made their appearance, and after ordering the peace officers away made an attack upon the house. In the melee one of the sons of William Douglas was shot through the heart and instantly killed, and Miss Douglas—a daughter—was also shot while standing in the doorway with a number of balls, and died the next morning. It is not positively known that she was killed by the regulators, one report stating that she was accidentally shot by her brother before he was killed. One of the regulators named Wm. Coffey was severely wounded by one of the Douglas family, and borne off by his companions. After Miss Douglas was shot the regulators left. These are the facts as related to us by a responsible gentleman, and we have no reason to doubt their accuracy.

Fast Traveling.

The Pacific railroad correspondent of the New York Tribune, contains the following:

At Wassatch, on the crest, we sup sumptuously on trout; then we drop down into the basin by a thirty feet grade, whooping through tunnels, and screaming through cuts. For thirty miles this descent continues. At Echo, the other evening, three freight trains stood upon the main track, when word came flashing over the telegraph wires from the superintendent, "A locomotive and tender, without steam up, and without body on board, have broken a freight train and started down the grade."

Ah! then and there was hurry and fro! In a few minutes came a message: "She has gone down the Rock station." Next morning we got off upon a side track. Then the workmen

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WOODS! NEW GOODS!!

JUST RECEIVED BY

MILLET & ROULHAC,

Latest Styles,

LADIES' DRESS GOODS,

DRESS TRIMMINGS,

RIBBONS, GIMPS, FRINGES, &c.

Latest Styles,

Ladies', Misses', and Children's

FINE DRESS HATS

Latest Styles

LADIES' DRESS SHOES,

POLISH GAITERS, &c.

KID GLOVES, HOSERY, HANDK'FS,

and a full and complete line of

NOTIONS, &c.,

STAPLE AND FANCY

DRY GOODS!

GENTS'

NEW STYLE OF

CLOTHING,

HATS and BOOTS,

all of which have been purchased since the late decline in goods, which we offer to our friends and customers at

GREAT REDUCED PRICES.

ALSO:

GALLATIN COTTON YARNS,

and a full and complete line of

GROCERIES,

FLOUR, Lard and Cement

Queensware, Saddlery,

Wooden Ware, &c.,

at LOWEST PRICES.

For price list, address

Excelsior Manufacturing Company,

612 and 614 N. Main street,

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sold by S. N. WHITE and N. P. HARNES,

Hickman, Ky. June 26—6m.

REFINED

FAMILY LARD.

PACKED BY

PROCTOR & GAMBLE,

CINCINNATI, O.

ASK YOUR GROCER FOR OUR BRAND

OF LARD IN THESE PACKAGES.

Packed 3 lb. 5 lb. Caddies, 60 lb. Cases for

shipment. Cheapest mode for selling Lard.

Send for Price List.

For sale by Louisville Grocers.

may 20—3m.

Eagle Mills.

CORN MEAL,

Boiled and Unboiled,

always

ON HAND.

WHEAT WANTED.

Highly

Custom grinding

mar 6—4f

H. P. ROBINSON.

PREMIUM LIST

OF THE

Fulton County Agricultural

ASSOCIATION

FOR 1869.

To be held at the Fair Grounds near

Hickman, commencing Sept. 28th,

and continuing for five days.

J. H. DODDS, President; J. W. MAYES,

Vice-President, W. A. BREVARD, Sec-

retary, R. R. WALKER, Treasurer.

FIRST DAY.

DAIRY.

Best 3 pounds spring butter, \$1 00

Best 3 pounds fall butter, 1 00

Best specimen home made cheese, 1 00

Best 5 pounds honey, 1 00

Best 5 pounds lard, 1 00

Best 1 gallon sorghum molasses, 1 00

LADIES' MANUFACTURE—FIRST CLASS.

Best blanket, all wool, \$5 00

" " half wool, 3 00

" " cotton counterpane, 3 00

" " woollen counterpane, 3 00

" " half woollen counterpane, 3 00

" " half wool coverlet, 3 00

" " white quilt, 3 00

" " patched quilt, 3 00

" " woollen quilt, 3 00

" " silk quilt, 5 00

" " fly brush, 1 00

LADIES' MANUFACTURE—SECOND CLASS.

Best five yards fine jeans, \$4 00

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" pair fancy slippers, 2 00

" specimen bead work, 2 00

" " home-made sewing silk, 2 00

Neatest made shirt, 3 00

Neatest made shirt by Miss under

fourteen years old, 3 00

Best display of needle work, 5 00

NEEDLE WORK—SECOND CLASS.

Best suit clothes cut and made by a

lady, \$5 00

Best pair woolen hose, 1 00

" pair woolen half hose, 1 00

" pair cotton hose, 1 00

" pair cotton half hose, 1 00

" home made balmoral, 2 00

" vest pattern, 1 00

THOROUGH BRED HORSES.

Best thorough bred stallion, \$20 00

Best thorough bred mare, 20 00

Pedigrees to be exhibited.

JACKS AND JENNETS.

Best jack 4 years old and over, \$10 00

" jack 3 years old and under 4, 8 00

" jack 2 years old and under 3, 5 00

" jack 1 year old and under 2, 5 00

" jack under 1 year old, 5 00

" jennet 4 years old and over, 5 00

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" jennet 1 year old and under 2, 5 00

" jennet under 1 year old, 5 00

SWEETSTAKES.

Best jack of any age, \$15 00

Best jennet of any age, 10 00

MULES.

Best horse mule 3 years old and over, 5 00

" horse mule 2 " old and under 3, 5 00

" horse mule 1 year old and under 2, 5 00

" horse mule under 1 year old, 5 00

" mare mule 3 years old and over, 5 00

" mare mule 2 years under 3, 5 00

" mare mule 1 year under 2, 5 00

" mare mule under 1 year old, 5 00

SWEETSTAKES.

Best mule of any age or sex, \$10 00

EQUESTRIANSHIP—By Married

Ladies—Premium fine cake stand.

EQUESTRIANSHIP—By Married

Men—Premium to be made up by the

ring.

FOURTH DAY.

CABINET AND CARPENTERS WORK.

Best half dozen chairs, \$2 00

" mantelpiece, 3 00

" door pattern, 2 00

" tight barrel, 1 00

" flour barrel, 1 00

" specimen cabinet work, 5 00

" one dozen brooms, 2 00

CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c.

Best top buggy, \$10 00

" open buggy, 10 00

" set single harness, 5 00

" ladies saddle, 5 00

" man's saddle, 5 00

" riding bridle, 2 00

" side sole leather, 1 00

" side upper leather, 1 00

" pair sewed boots, 2 00

" pair sewed shoes, 2 00

" kip collar, 1 00

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Best wagon, \$10 00

" turning plow, 3 00

" harrow, 3 00

" cultivator, 2 00

" feed basket, 1 00

SADDLE HORSES.

Best stallion 4 years old and over, \$10 00

" stallion 3 years old and under 4, 8 00

" stallion 2 years old and under 3, 5 00

" stallion 1 year old and under 2, 5 00

" stallion under 1 year old, 5 00

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" mare 2 years old and under 3, 5 00

" mare 1 year old and under 2, 5 00

" mare under 1 year old, 5 00

[All animals in the above class, 2 years

and over must be shown under the sad-

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SWEETSTAKES.

Best stallion of any age, \$15 00

" mare of any age, 10 00

" saddle gelding 4 years and over, 5 00

" saddle gelding 3 and under 4, 5 00

" saddle gelding under 3 years, 5 00

" mare 4 years old and over, 5 00

" mare 3 years old and under 4, 5 00

" mare under 3 years old, 5 00

[Aged mares need not to have proven

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